

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: ) Chapter 11  
 )  
HARLOW N. HIGINBOTHAM, ) Case No. 18 B 31185  
 )  
Debtor. ) Hon. LaShonda A. Hunt  
 )  
 ) Hearing Date & Time:  
 ) December 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

TO: See Attached Service List

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** on December 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., I shall appear before the Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt, or any other judge sitting in her stead, in Room 719, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, and request a hearing on Debtor's Application to Employ Attorneys and for Authorization to Pay Retainer, a copy of which is attached hereto and thereby served upon you.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, an attorney, hereby state that pursuant to Section II, B, 4 of the Administrative Procedures for the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System, I caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF MOTION and MOTION to be served on all persons set forth on the attached Service List identified as Registrants through the Court's Electronic Notice for Registrants, and, as to all other persons on the attached Service List by mailing a copy of same in an envelope properly addressed and with postage fully prepaid and by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, Chicago, Illinois, on the 16th day of November 2018.

/s/ Gregory K. Stern  
Gregory K. Stern

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**APPLICATION TO EMPLOY ATTORNEYS AND FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PAY  
RETAINER**

NOW COMES Harlow Higinbotham, Debtor and Debtor in Possession, by and through its attorneys, Gregory K. Stern, Dennis E. Quaid, Monica C. O'Brien, and Rachel S. Sandler, and in support of its Application to Employ Attorneys and Authorization to Pay Retainer, respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 5, 2018, the Debtor filed a Voluntary Petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, which was assigned case number 18 B 31185 (the "Instant Case"). The Debtor has continued in possession of his property, and no Trustee has been appointed in the case.

2. The Debtor desires to employ Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S. Sandler (the "Attorneys"), and, the Attorneys are duly admitted to practice law before this Court.

3. Your Applicant agreed to the employment of the Attorneys in the case and the Attorneys received payment of a pre-petition minimum fee in the amount of \$15,000.00, from Susan Higinbotham, the Debtor's non-filing spouse. The agreement provides that the Attorneys shall be paid a post-petition retainer in the amount of \$35,000.00, and that the Attorneys shall be compensated for services rendered in accordance with their hourly rates as in effect from time to time, with all compensation and reimbursement of costs and expenses being subject to further approval of this Court. At present, the Attorneys' hourly rates are as follows: \$500.00 for Gregory K. Stern and Dennis E. Quaid, \$475.00 for Monica C. O'Brien,

and \$350.00 for Rachel S. Sandler.

4. Your Applicant has selected Gregory K. Stern, Dennis E. Quaid, Monica C. O'Brien and Rachel S. Sandler for the reason that they have experience in matters of this nature and are well qualified to represent the Debtor as Debtor in Possession in this case.

5. The professional services to be rendered by Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S. Sandler include but are not limited to:

- (a) Reviewing assets, liabilities, loan documentation, executory contracts and other relevant documentation;
- (b) Preparation of list of creditors, list of twenty largest unsecured creditors, schedules and statement of financial affairs;
- (c) Giving your Applicant legal advice with respect to his powers and duties as Debtor in Possession in the operation and management of his financial affairs;
- (d) Assisting your Applicant in the preparation of schedules, statement of affairs and other necessary documents;
- (e) Preparation of applications to employ attorneys, accountants or other professional persons, motions for turnover, motion for use of cash collateral, motions for use, sale or lease of property, motion to assume or reject executory contracts, disclosure statement, plan, applications, motions, complaints, answers, orders, reports, objections to claims, legal documents and any other necessary pleading in furtherance of reorganizational goals;
- (f) Negotiating with creditors and other parties in interest, attending court hearings, meetings of creditors and meetings with other parties in interest;
- (g) Reviewing proofs of claim and solicitation of creditors' acceptances of plan; and,
- (h) Performing all other legal services for the Debtor, as Debtor in Possession, which may be necessary or in furtherance of his reorganizational goals.

6. To the best of your Applicant's knowledge Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S. Sandler have no relationship or connections with the Debtor, his creditors, or any other party in interest herein, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee or any other person employed in the office of the United States Trustee.

7. Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S. Sandler represent no interests adverse to the Debtor, as Debtor in Possession, or to the estate in the matters upon which they are to be engaged for Debtor, as Debtor in Possession, and their employment will be in the best interest of the estate. The Affidavits of Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S.

Sandler attesting to the foregoing are attached hereto and are made a part hereof.

**WHEREFORE**, the Debtor, Harlow N. Higinbotham, prays for an order, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §327(a):

- (a) Authorizing the employment of Gregory K. Stern, Monica C. O'Brien, Dennis E. Quaid and Rachel S Sandler as attorneys for the Debtor as Debtor in Possession under the terms and conditions set forth herein effective as of November 5, 2018; and,
- (b) Authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay Gregory K. Stern, P.C. a retainer in the amount of \$35,000.00; and,
- (b) For such other further relief as this Court deems just.

/s/ Gregory K Stern

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